



One-on-one student advising, EducationUSA Advising Center, University of Malta Library



EducationUSA resource publications

#### Key EducationUSA Partners:

- ▶ The International & EU Office, Administration Building, University of Malta
- ▶ The Ministry of Education, Valletta
- ▶ The American Embassy, Floriana
- ▶ Malta National Academic Recognition Information Centre, Ministry of Education
- ▶ The English Language Academy
- ▶ The Verdala International School

Country Statistics	2006	2007
Number of students in the US:	38	27

## Malta

### Advising Centre Network

EducationUSA is hosted by the University of Malta Library. A great portion of advising is centred upon the entrance examinations to US universities, so there is an increase in advice on specific entry requirements and other relevant information about the admission process. The Advising Centre offers one-on-one services in the Reference Department within the library.

### Recent Trends: US Study ▼ -28.9%

- ▶ Most student contacts are currently undergraduates, still reading for their Bachelor degrees. Due to the Bologna process, most of them prefer to take the challenge of studying in the US for their Ph.Ds.
- ▶ Very few Maltese students take advantage of studying in the US as they tend to be more interested in studying within Europe since Malta joined the EU.
- ▶ Fields of study most inquired: European studies, business, medicine, veterinary studies, information technology, and library science.
- ▶ Most students have financial restrictions and require substantial financial aid.
- ▶ In 2007, there was an increase in students participating in talks and outreach events at the University of Malta and also in events sponsored by the US Embassy.

### Resource Links

University of Malta: [www.lib.um.edu.mt](http://www.lib.um.edu.mt)

Ministry of Education: <http://education.gov.mt>

Verdala International School: [www.verdala.org/verdala/home.aspx](http://www.verdala.org/verdala/home.aspx)

### Education System Overview

	Secondary Education	Higher Education (Bachelor's Degree)
Language of instruction:	Maltese and English	Maltese and English
Years of study required:	5 years: Secondary Schools 2 years: Junior College	3 years (Humanities) 5 years (Law)
Grading system & US equivalent:	(1-2) – A (3-4) – B (5-) – C	30 points – A 24 points – B 18 points – C 12 points – D 6 points and less – E
Scholarship for US studies:		Malta Government Scholarship Scheme by the Ministry of Education aims to promote masters and doctoral education. Scholarships cover approximately \$2,000 for masters programs and \$5,800 for doctoral programs.

### Upcoming Events 2008-2009

One of the most important strategies is to include EducationUSA advising as part and parcel of the library instruction. There will be a number of events intended to raise public awareness of the advising services.

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